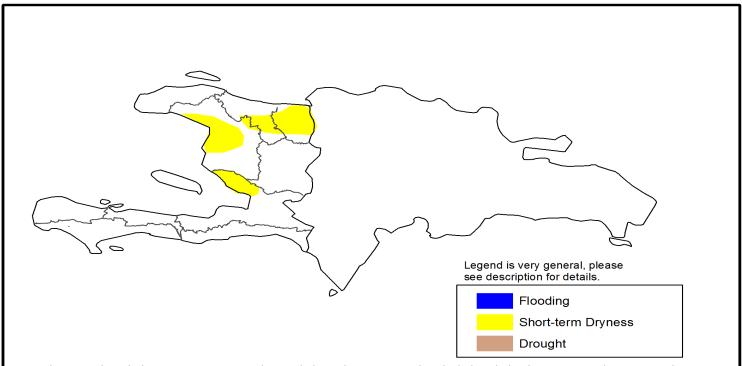






## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET December 8 – December 14, 2011

Another week of little to no observed precipitation strengthens moisture deficits in northern Haiti.



In early December, little precipitation was observed throughout Hispaniola which has helped to increase late seasonal moisture deficits in Haiti. This dryness has likely impacted vegetation conditions over parts of the L'Artibonite, Ouest, Nord, and Nord-Est departments of Haiti. During the last 30 days, negative rainfall anomalies range between 25-50mm across much of the country, with larger negative anomalies (50-100mm) observed in central and northern portions of Haiti. Precipitation forecasts suggest a continuation of dryness into mid-December with minimal amounts of rainfall expected in the south, and no rains expected for many interior parts of the country. The suppression of rainfall could worsen dryness and potentially damage late-planted crops in many local areas.